Setting up of Separate Shipping Corporation for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2908. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have given consent to have a separate Shipping Corporation for Andaman and Nicobar Islands to operate Islands-Mainland and inter-Islands vessels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such proposal has been received from Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

(b) Does not arise.

Japanese Investment

2909. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has set out harsh business reforms, as preconditions to its agreement for investment in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have examined the impact of these conditions on the problems of inflation, price-rise and unemployment etc;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the sectors in which such investment is proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Export of Agricultural and Industrial Goods

2910. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose To increase export of Agricultural and Industrial Goods to earn More foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the items proposed to be exported during 1992-93 and to which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. proposes to continue exporting the items in our export basket to all the cojntries to whom we are currenly exporting. These are broadly the agricultural products such as cereals, tobacco, spices, cashew kernels, oilmeals, processed foods, marine products, ores and minerals, leather and leather manufactures, gems and jewellery, spors goods, chemicals and related products, engineering goods, electronics and computer software, textiles, handicraffs, carpets, petroleum products etc. Our principal markets include USA, UK, Beleium, France, FRG, Italy, Netherlands, Australia, Iran, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Singapore, Hongkong, Saudi Arabia & U.A.E.

Price of Viscose Fibre

2911. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to conrol the price of viscose fibre produced indigenousely to enable he Kutir Udyog to run their handloom business;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore;